

Patent Claims

1. A method for routing specific data, particularly receiving rights, in a pay-TV terminal, the data being transmitted from a transmitter via a transmission medium to the pay-TV terminal, using mobile data carriers, particularly chipcards, characterized in that the pay-TV terminal (2) buffers the specific data and, once a specific mobile data carrier (34) is in communication with the pay-TV terminal (2), the receiving rights belonging to this mobile data carrier (34) are then routed to the mobile data carrier (34) and stored.
2. The method as recited in Claim 1, characterized in that the pay-TV terminal (2) uses a list (8) to store a certain number of chipcard numbers together with chipcard-specific filter information with which the pay-TV terminal (2) is to cooperate.
3. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the length and/or precise composition of the list (8) is preselected to be variable or fixed.
4. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the list (8) is automatically generated by the pay-TV terminal (2) according to fixed rules.
5. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through 3, characterized in that the list (8) is entered manually.
6. The method as recited in one of Claims 1 through

3, characterized in that the list (8) is transmitted via the transmission medium (3) to the pay-TV terminal (2).

7. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that, as soon as it is in communication with the pay-TV terminal (2), **the** mobile data carrier (34) transmits filter information to the pay-TV terminal (2).

8. The method as recited in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the receiving rights are deleted with the aid of a preselected prioritization if the list (8) available in the pay-TV terminal (2) is exceeded.

9. A device, mainly for decoding pay-TV programs, hereinafter referred to as pay-TV terminal, for implementing the method as recited in one or more of the preceding claims, characterized in that the pay-TV terminal (2) has at least a memory (35) - which is used as a list (8) -, a control and evaluation electronics (26) and a communication apparatus (36) to a mobile data carrier (34), particularly to a chipcard (5), as well as an interface to the mobile data carrier (5), so that specific data, particularly receiving rights, which are transmitted from a transmitter (4) via a transmission medium (3) to the pay-TV terminal (2). and¹ are buffered in the memory (35) as list (8) with the aid of the control and evaluation electronics (26), and the

¹Translator's note: This word "and" is found in the original, but would appear to be an error and perhaps should be deleted. If this is done, the sentence reads properly, but if it is left in, the sentence would seem to need another verb.

buffered specific data are, instantaneously or at a later time, routed to a specific data carrier (34) - which is in communication with the pay-TV terminal (2) via the communication apparatus (36) and the interface - and are stored.

10. The device as recited in Claim 9, characterized in that the memory (35) is a non-volatile, preferably an EEPROM or a flash PROM, memory.

11. The device as recited in Claim 9 or 10, characterized in that a control module (28) of the control and evaluation electronics (26) carries out an allocation between the specific data and the specific data carriers (34).

12. The device as recited in Claim 9, 10 or 11, characterized in that an evaluation module (29) of the control and evaluation electronics (26) checks which mobile data carrier (34) is in communication with the pay-TV terminal (2), in order thereby to enable the correct routing of the specific data.

13. The device as recited in one of Claims 9 through 12, characterized in that a priority circuit (27) in the pay-TV terminal (2) establishes which specific data, particularly receiving rights, are deleted if the available memory space is exceeded.

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